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ASSETS FOR SUPPORT OF EMERGENCY RESPONSE

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Personnel

Vessels

[Bay Assessment and Response Team \(BART\) Scientific Support](#)

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<http://www.ci.uri.edu/projects/bartsci/Docs/Roster_Apr05.htm>

DEM Staff and Roles in Incident Command

I. Incident Command

Contact: Environmental Response Administrator

Mike Mulhare, X-7124

1. Protect the safety of incident responders and the public
2. Minimize the effect of the incident on the surrounding area
3. Deploy resources efficiently, with maximum effect at minimum cost

II. Command Staff

A. Safety Officer –

1. Monitor safety of incident response
2. Develop measures for ensuring the safety of assigned personnel

B. Liaison Officer –

1. Maintain contact with other agencies assigned to the incident

C. Information Officer –

Contact: Director, Office of Communications and Media Relations

Gail Mastrati, X-2402

Contact: Chief, Office of Technical and Customer Assistance

Ron Gagnon, X-7500

1. Collect and synthesize information on the incident
2. Coordinate communication among incident responders
3. In cooperation with other responding agencies, keep the public, government officials, and the media informed

III. Operations Section – Implement the incident action plan (IAP)

A. Compliance and Inspection Branch

Contact: Chief, Office of Compliance and Inspection

Dean Albro, X-7431

1. Field assessment
2. Assess the impact of the incident on regulated and non-regulated facilities and dams
3. Issue appropriate warnings for responders and the public
4. Coordinate the handling of hazardous materials/waste and reestablishment of compliant facilities

B. Enforcement Branch

**Contact: Chief, Division of Law Enforcement
Steve Hall, 222-2284**

1. Assess the impact of the incident on environmental law enforcement
2. Maintain order and communications within DEM, its properties and facilities
3. Provide logged, 24-hour telephone access to DEM with relays to State Fire Marshal and RI EMA
4. Provide marine assets
5. With cooperating agencies (e.g., US Coast Guard, state police, or National Guard), secure the boundaries of the incident site and regulate traffic across it

C. Water Branch

**Contact: Chief, Office of Water Resources
Russ Chateaufneuf, X-7700**

1. Assess the impact of the incident on water quality
2. Issue appropriate warnings for responders and the public
3. Assist watershed, marine, and groundwater recovery

D. Fish and Wildlife Branch

**Contact: Chief, Division of Fish and Wildlife
John Stolgitis, 783-8906**

**Contact: Chief, Division of Coastal Resources
Don McGovern, 783-5551**

1. Identify sensitive fishing and wildlife areas
2. Assess the impact of the incident on fish and wildlife
3. Issue appropriate warnings for responders and the public (e.g., suspend commercial fishing, keep boats out of spill zone)
4. Minimize impacts on fish and wildlife (e.g., create barriers around incident hazards, tend affected wildlife)
5. Assist in restoring the vitality of fish and wildlife resources

E. Waste Branch

**Contact: Chief, Office of Waste Management
Leo Hellested, X-7502**

1. Assess the impact of the incident on solid waste generation and disposal sites
2. Issue appropriate warnings for responders and the public
3. Issue permits or waivers for emergency waste handling
4. Coordinate the containment and disposal of sources of pollution (e.g., debris, fish and wildlife casualties)
5. Assist waste generation and disposal sites in reestablishing compliant operation

F. Air Branch

**Contact: Chief, Office of Air Resources
Steve Majkut, X-7010**

1. Assess the impact of the incident on air quality and regulated emissions
2. Issue appropriate warnings for responders and the public
3. Provide technical assistance in reestablishing compliant emissions

G. State Parks and Forests Branch

Contact: Chief, Division of Parks and Recreation

Larry Mouradjian, 222-2632

Contact: Chief, Division of Forest Environment

Tom Dupree, 647-4389 or 647-3367

1. Identify sensitive areas on state property
2. Assess the impact of the incident on state parks, forests, and recreational facilities
3. Issue appropriate warnings for responders and the public
4. Secure facilities
5. Participate in search and rescue
6. With cooperating agencies, suppress wildland fires
7. Secure, transport, and dispose of debris
8. Restore RI DEM properties and facilities for public use

H. Agriculture Branch

Contact: Chief, Division of Agriculture and Resource Marketing

Ken Ayars, X-4500

1. Assess the impact of the incident on agriculture (e.g., loss of produce or market access, risk of outbreak of highly contagious or dangerous livestock or crop disease or insect infestation)
2. Monitor radioactivity in vegetation
3. Issue appropriate warnings for responders and the public
4. Coordinate the evaluation, treatment, quarantine, or euthanasia and disposal of distressed livestock or tainted agricultural products
5. Issue emergency licenses and institute procedures for pesticide application, for farm pond construction, or for livestock transport
6. Assist farmers in recovering

IV. Planning Section— Support IAP by monitoring the incident, anticipating needs, evaluating alternatives, and optimizing response

A. Resources Unit

Contact: appropriate divisions of Bureau of Natural Resources

1. Assess and document resource needs (materiel, personnel, allied agencies, community volunteers)
2. Define optimal deployment strategies (acquisition, check-in, staging, assignment, rotation in- and out-of-service)
3. Report to Operations on resource readiness

B. Situation Unit

Contact: Chief, Office of Compliance and Inspection

Dean Albro, X-7431

Contact: Chief, Office of Waste Management

Leo Hellested, X-7502

Contact: Chief, Division of Agriculture and Resource Marketing

Ken Ayars, X-4500

1. Evaluate the incident and response functions
2. Identify human and environmental resources at risk
3. Support Operations in modulating response
4. Document situation status

C. GIS Unit

**Contact: Chief, Management Information Systems
Warren Angell, X-2424**

1. Coordinate the collection and synthesis of geographic information on environmental assets in the incident area, incident impacts, and response
2. Supply Operations with mapping equipment and maps

D. Demobilization Unit

**Contact: Chief, Office of Compliance and Inspection
Dean Albro, X-7431**

**Contact: Chief, Office of Waste Management
Leo Hellested, X-7502**

**Contact: Chief, Office of Water Resources
Russ Chateauneuf, X-7700**

1. Evaluate long-range alternatives for securing or remediating the site of the incident
2. Establish procedures for taking response resources and facilities out of service
3. Plan for cost recovery (e.g., advise Operations on record keeping)

V. Logistics Section– Provide facilities, services, personnel, and materiel for the IAP

A. Communication Unit

**Contact: Chief, Division of Law Enforcement
Steve Hall, 222-2284**

**Contact: Chief, Management Information Systems
Warren Angell, X-2424**

1. Implement protocols for optimal communications among responders
2. Acquire, assign, and maintain equipment for responders to speak with or leave messages for each other
3. Coordinate the collection and sharing of information among cooperating agencies
4. Report regularly to Incident Command and Public Relations

B. Supply Unit

**Contact: Chief, Division of Parks and Recreation
Larry Mouradjian, 222-2632**

1. Acquire personnel and materiel for operations
2. Coordinate purchase, employment, and contracting with Finance and Management Services

C. Facilities Unit

**Contact: Chief, Office of Planning and Development,
Bob Sutton, X-4300**

**Contact: Chief, Office of Strategic Planning and Policy
Janet Keller, X-4400**

1. Establish site(s) for incident response (base, command post, staging areas)
2. Coordinate selection of sites for collection, temporary storage, or disposal of incident waste

D. Environmental Unit

VI. Finance/Administration Section – Administer cost accounting, record keeping, and reimbursement

A. Human Resources Unit

Contact: Chief, Office of Human Resources

Melanie Marcaccio, X-4600

1. Engage personnel for incident response
2. Track and document the movement of personnel in and out of incident response
3. Coordinate emergency employment practices with

B. Management Services Unit)

Contact: Chief, Office of Management Services

Glenn Miller, X-4900

1. Identify funds and expedite paperwork for incident response
2. In consultation with cooperating agencies and the responsible party, advise Operations on budget controls
3. Coordinate the documenting of resources committed to the incident
4. Analyze costs and prepare documents for recovering funds

C. Legal Unit

Contact: Executive Legal Counsel, Office of Legal Services

Gerry McAvoy, X-2301

Contact: Chief Office of Criminal Investigation

Kurt Schatz, X-2205

Contact: Chief, Division of Administrative Adjudication

Kathy Lanphear, X-4801

1. Collect evidence for potential prosecution of the responsible party
2. Represent DEM in legal proceedings (e.g., negotiating with or prosecuting the responsible party, securing injunctions or restraining orders)